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SCORES CHADS AT SCALE FACTORY
USE POLISH-MADE PRODUCTS

BOTTLENECK AT LUBLIN FACTORY -- Trybuna Ludu, No 83, 24 Mar 50

The State Scale Factory No 2 in Lublin completed its 1949 production plan 152 percent. However, as the 1949 production plan did not reflect the true production potential of the factory, the production plan for 1950 was raised. The plan was met 110 percent in January and 106 percent in February, and there are indications that March may be below 100 percent.

In the courtyard of the factory and in the assembly shops there are large piles of iron slabs, various parts, prisms, and boards. The workers are crowded and have to dodge stacks of finished scales and parts.

Until 1 January 1950 the factory was independent and sold the scales itself. On 1 January 1950, the factory was placed under the management of the Administration of Local Industry, with sales under the jurisdiction of the Administration and of the Sales Office of the Precision and Optical Instrument Industry located in Lodz.

The new setup was intended to simplify work in the factory and to regulate the distribution of scales according to a priority system. However, after 2½ months of operation under the Administration of Local Industry, all the warehouses are overcrowded because of the failure of the Administration to move 2 months' production. Scales, after being inspected by the Administration of Weights and Measures, are stored around in the shops and in every available space.

The Consumers' Cooperative in Chorzow needs 500 scales, the State Forests in Szczecin are begging for 35, the Wojewodztwo Building Enterprise of Warsaw needs 20, and Bacutil and a number of other institutions also need scales. The Administration of Local Industry in Lublin occasionally releases a small number of scales, but takes no action on the large quantities of scales lying around.

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DOMESTIC MAGNESITE USED IN MARTIN FURNACES -- Zycie Warszawy, No 73, 14 Mar 50

Preliminary tests on the use of domestic magnesite in the construction of Martin furnaces were completed recently, and results far surpassed expectations. After the Martin furnace at the Kosciuszko Metallurgical Plant was taken apart, the rear wall of the furnace, built of domestic magnesite, unlike walls of foreign magnesite, was found still fit for one more production cycle.

Further tests are being made. In the near future the Polish metallurgical industry and Polish production of firebrick will no longer depend on foreign imports of magnesite.

TO MAKE LINOTYPE MATRICES IN POLAND -- Rzeczpospolita, No 75, 16 Mar 50

Mieczyslaw Zaluski, employed with the Dom Prasy State Printing Enterprise in Gdansk, has invented a new type of pantograph to facilitate the domestic production of linotype matrices, heretofore imported from abroad. The invention is the result of almost 25 years of experimenting and work in the printing industry.

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